

District II Advisory Board Minutes

September 8, 2008

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th Street North. CM Schlapp was in attendance, (10) board members attended, (3) staff and approximately (2) citizen were in attendance. Only those individuals who signed in are listed as guests below.

Members Present

Max Weddle
Marty Weeks
Larry Frutiger
David Mollhagen
Daryl Crotts
Sarah Devries
Phil Ryan
Tim Goodpasture
Brian Carduff
Allison Wegner-Youth Member

Members Absent

Joe Johnson
Aaron Mayes
Nick Pompeo- Youth Member

Staff Present

Antione Sherfield- Neighborhood Assistant
Chief Snow - Wichita Fire Department
Officer Bogle-Wichita Police Department

Guests

Listed below

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. DAB members did introductions. CM Schlapp welcomed everyone and explained how the DAB meeting is conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

- August minutes approved (9-0)
- September agenda approved (9-0)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Off-Agenda Items

Eric Ragain, General Manager of the Rodeo Club.

Mr. Ragain spoke to the DAB in reference to media reports in relation to Club Violence that has been occurring in the Wichita area. He stated that the Rodeo Club has been in existence for about (2) years and he has (11) years of experience operating successful clubs. He also stated that he wanted to work with local law enforcement in an effort to prevent violence at club sites because this is a growing issue.

Mr. Ragain stated that he has made attempts to hire WPD Officers to serve as Security but has not been successful because he was told they are not allowed to work off duty at drinking establishments. Mr. Ragain stated that they are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of their patrons.

Daryl Crotts, DAB Member, asked if they had video cameras in the parking lot. Daryl stated that the presence of video cameras could potentially detour criminal and violent behavior.

Mr. Ragain stated that placing video cameras in the parking lot would be an expensive cost due to the size of the parking lot. He also stated that due to the times of operations, it would be difficult for images to be seen on camera.

Mr. Ragain also stated the Rodeo Club started to get a violent crowd when the Club started having Hip Hop Night on Thursdays. At particular time the Rodeo Club also dropped the admittance age to 18 and over to keep up with what other Clubs were doing in the Wichita area. Mr. Ragain stated they have since went back to an admittance age of 21 and older.

CM Schlapp thanked Mr. Ragain for coming out and addressing the DAB concerning this pressing issue and encouraged him to stay engaged with this process.

STAFF REPORT

2. Swearing in of District Advisory Board Members

Janis Edwards, City Clerk's Office, swore in members of the District Advisory Board members.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

3. Community Police Report

Officer Bogle, provided information pertaining to current crime trends in District II. Officer Bogle stated that there was a traffic fatality related to the Hawker Beech Craft strike. An individual was struck by a vehicle while crossing the street at Kellogg and Greenwich heading to a Pep Rally.

He also stated there have been numerous larcenies taking place in the 39 Beat area. He encouraged everyone not to keep valuables in vehicles such as GPS units, lap-top computers, ect.

Daryl Crotts, DAB Member, stated that his son's vehicle was broken into in Wilderness Estates. He stated it was a professional job because someone drilled the lock out. Apparently, this has happen several times in the Wilderness Estates Neighborhood. Officer Bogle stated he was not aware of that activity in that area. He will be checking into this matter in the Wilderness Estates Neighborhood.

4. Community Fire Report

Chief Tammy Snow, provided information pertaining to Fire Service calls in District II. Chief Snow stated there were (3) significant fires in District II during the month of August. Two were at Apartment Complexes and one took place at a Mobile Home Park.

- The first Apartment fire took place on August 5, 2008 at 1945 N. Rock Road. The cause of the fire was a discarded cigarette on a balcony. The cost of the damage was estimated at \$225,000.00.
- The second Apartment fire took place August 20, 2008 at 505 N. Rock Road. The cause of the fire was a heating pad being left on a bed. The cost of the damage was estimated at \$18,000.00
- The third fire was at a Mobile Home that took place on August 30, 2008 at 10727 E. Kellogg Ave. Chief Snow stated that this fire was is still under investigation.

Chief Snow also stated that Fire Station #9 is actively working with Jefferson Elementary providing mentoring and other services their student base.

CM Schlapp thanked Chief Snow for the report and applauded the fine work the Wichita Fire Department does for our community.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next DAB II Meeting will be October 6, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,
Antione Sherfield, Neighborhood Assistant

Guest

Eric Ragain
Fred Penaire